

## **Luke 10: 25-37 Good Samaritan**

A certain man! Lost; ½ dead! Almost completely dead! Pretty soon... eternally dead! And then the 2<sup>nd</sup> death (Rev. 20) where he is cast alive into the lake of fire!

Spiritually... you and I were once dead in our trespasses and sins. (Eph. 2: 1-6)

Vs. 31-32 Here comes the religious priest who can do nothing for this ½ dead individual who is beaten, battered and bruised. Religion can't help you when your down like that!

Then comes the Levite, also a picture of religion, but also of the law as well. At least he stopped and looked! "I'm sorry, Mr. But you don't meet the criteria, your not bad enough off yet to get assistance! And so he passes by.

Vs. 33 Along comes a certain Samaritan. He SAW him! And had compassion on him. We usually have blinders on! We are usually oblivious to what is going on around us., we are engulfed in our own lives, our own families, our own jobs, our own problems, our own travels.

Vs. 34 He saw him and his hurt. And he took "CARE" of him. "CARE" is a Bible word! We are trying to implement a "CARE GIVING" ministry. We see that it will involve sacrifice. We will need to sacrifice for people until they can get on their feet again.

Constant care! Financial, marriage, mental state, drugs-alcohol-gambling, raising their children etc.

### **If you were sick you would call and make a Dr's appointment.**

You go to his office and he is the friendliest, kind, person you have ever met. He is happy to see you, he sits down and talks about your family, golf game, favorite recipe, world events, he smiles, sticks out his hand and says, "It was sure good to see you today! Thank you for coming to see me." And then he leaves!!!

But he never once asked you what was wrong, the real reason why you came. He never checked your temperature, pulse, blood pressure, your eyes, ears, nose or throat!

You're STUNNED! Would you go back to that Dr again??? (Church again??)

You end up going home and your still sick! With no more healing or help for your life.

Week after week, people attend church lonely and hurting. How many church members do you know of that could use some care?

Vs. 33b-34 The Good Samaritan had an external ministry and cared for the ½ dead in the world.

We have our External care ministries as well. (Soul-winning, visitation, prison, Nursing home where we have opportunities to lead others to Jesus Christ.)

Vs. 35-37 The Good Samaritan had his Internal care ministry as well. "Take care of him."

Bring them into the church and continue the care, (Senior Saints, story savers, Sunday school, teens) 'GO & DO THOU LIKEWISE'

We need both types of ministries! External & Internal!

*Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

What is the Biblical basis for Care Giving? It is not the 1 & 2 greatest commandments, it is the LAW OF CHRIST.

Have you, have I, Have we been keeping this law of Christ?

I believe we know what to do, we just don't know how to do it.

How do you deal with and help people who have just lost a loved one? Gone through a divorce? Mental anguish? Addiction to narcotics? Suicidal? How do you help the widows? Fatherless children? Bankruptcies and financial woes? Single people who wanted to be married yesterday? Teenagers? Marriages on the rocks?

We have all been trained to say, "Go talk to the pastor." AMERICAN MENTALITY! Call night or day, he is there for you! No wonder, preachers get burned out, get negative, and leave the ministry after only a couple of years.

**Exo. 18: 13-27** Thou wilt surely wear away!

*Eph 4:11-12 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

I am going to try to learn how to care for the above mentioned people, and then perfect you, through my preaching, teaching tapes and handouts, so YOU CAN GO DO IT!

I want to teach you to know how to meet someone's need, to know where to turn to in your Bible for help.

*Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*

*1 Cor 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.*

*Gal 4:18 But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing,*  
I am excited! Will fall, fail and make mistakes!

There are two ways to make the church increase:

1. Evangelism and soul-winning
2. Taking good care of the people you have.

*Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

Every joint needs to supply something to the church!

Every part needs to do its share, its work!

Statistics show that the average Dr. lives to be 59 years of age. ...STRESS!  
The average man lives to be 73 years of age.

Do you know why pastors drop out? He is not to be the PRIMARY CARE GIVER but the PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER!

This is a "WHAT" sermon, not a "HOW TOO" sermon tonight.

Visitors come and they go. Before starting this Care Ministry, pastor Art Kohl said that previously they had over 600 first time visitors that came to their church and never returned!

We must find a way to shut the back door of our churches by meeting the needs of these visitors when they come in through the front door.

I don't know about you, but I would rather go to a Dr. and have him be strictly business, mean and even ornery! Someone who doesn't have time for me, doesn't even seem to give me the time of day.

He just says, "Open your mouth, stick out your tongue and say AUGH! OK, This is your problem, here is your prescription, make sure you take it for the full ten days or it will come back!

As far as my physical health is concerned, I'd rather go back to him! Why? Because he met my need! He told me exactly what my problem was and what I needed to do!

And quit frankly, that is what a lot of people are looking for in their pastor as well. Someone who will stand up to them and tell it just like it is! Like it or lump it!

Rom. 12: 1-10 It starts with a surrendered life.

A humble beginning: Not thinking of yourselves more highly than ye ought.

Vs. 6 Realizing we have different gifts.

*Heb 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*

We want to produce a church of ministering saints who continue ministering  
A church full of "Good Samaritans."

We are going to keep doing all the external things and emphasize those as well, (visitation, soul-winning, nursing home, prison ministry)

*Col 2:19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.*

The church body increases by staying and standing and banding together for the work of God.

Looking at that whole Dr. scene, it wasn't the patient who failed but the Dr. who failed.

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